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Claims after Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Amended) Overvoltage An over-voltage protection device, applicable in particular to the low-voltage suitable for protecting a mains, the device comprising;

between the two lines (1, 2) of the mains,

a gas-discharge arrestor-(3),;

a varistor (4) and a thermal-fuse element (5) tasked with ensuring the arranged to ensure a thermal disconnection of the over-voltage protection device from the mains, characterized in that

said gas-discharge arrestor, said varistor, and said thermal-fuse element being mounted in series with each between two lines of the mains,

wherein the over-voltage protection device it-includes, in parallel with the varistor (4), a resistor (7) sized so as to cause eausing, after the a short-circuiting of the gas-discharge arrestor (3), the a heating of the thermal-fuse element (5) so as to which triggers the thermal disconnection of the over-voltage protection device from the mains.

2. (Amended) Overvoltage-The over-voltage protection device according to claim 1, wherein said mains is a applicable to the low-voltage mains in a widehaving a voltage of use within a range of voltages, bounded by a minimum voltage of use and a maximum voltage of use, characterized in that

wherein the varistor (4) is defined sized so as to extinguish the gas-discharge arrestor (3) up to the maximum voltage of use, and in that

wherein the resistor (7) is defined sized so as to trigger the thermal disconnection of the over-voltage protection device at the minimum voltage of use.